



### **D.C. Courts Reopen Renovated Juvenile Courthouse**

The District of Columbia Courts have completed a two-year effort to restore the Historic Juvenile Courthouse at 410 E Street NW in March. The building has reopened as the new home of the courts' Information Technology and Multi-Door Dispute Resolution divisions, providing a greatly needed state-of-the-art facility for IT functions and an enhanced environment for mediation services.

The project was the latest in a series of courthouse renovations on Judiciary Square as part of the courts' Judiciary Square Master Plan, which was approved by the National Capital Planning Commission in 2005.

Changes to the Historic Juvenile Courthouse include the restoration of the building's limestone and granite exterior, including the original windows, and its interior spaces. The main courtroom has been modernized and outfitted with the latest communication technologies to serve as central training space for the courts. The judges' chambers have been converted into mediation rooms for the D.C. Superior Court's Multi-Door Dispute Resolution Division.

In addition, the building operates as the pilot project for electronic messaging for the D.C. Courts campus. Three kiosks and four LED monitors have been installed in public areas of the building to display information about the court campus, buildings, and surrounding areas to assist visitors and provide meeting and hearing schedules.

The next step in the master plan is the completion of a park area directly to the east of 410 E Street that will begin later this year.—K.A.